(b) The Government envisages to finance the gap through increased budget support, internal resources and extra-budgetary resources.

Disinvestment Policy in PSUs

449. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the disinvestment policy of Government in public sector undertakings is not yielding good results;

(b) whether the Confederation of Indian Industry proposed some suggestions regarding privatisation of public sector units; and

(c) what are the reactions of Government on those suggestions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :

(a) As announced in the Budget Speech of 1991-92, Government intended to raise Rs. 2500 crores as resources through disinvestment of a part of its equity holdings in selected PSUs. During 1992-93, Government intended to continue the disinvestment exercise for raising non-inflationary resources for development to the extent of Rs. 3500 crores out of which Rs. 1000 crores was meant for contribution to National Renewal Fund. Government realised Rs. 3038 crores and Rs. 1912 crores through disinvestment of PSU shares in 1991-92 and 1992-93, respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Delicensing of Industry

450. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times dated 16th April, 1993 captioned "Industry hails delicensing" of the manufacturing of motor cars, white goods, raw hides etc. as a step in right direction;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) has demanded for scrapping of licensing altogether except in case of production of sensitive defence items and also urged that the market forces should determine the export on domestic requirements and that investment decision should be of industry without taking licence from Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry also demanded that Indian Industry should be given a level playing field to compete with foreign manufacturers both in India and abroad; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government of India to parts (b) and (c) of the question mentioned above and the steps proposed to be taken for complete revival of Indian industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Liberalisation in industrial licensing is a continuing process. The suggestions and demands of the Associations/Federations are kept in view as and when further liberalisation in industrial licensing is undertaken.

Steps taken to boost industrial production include the new Industrial Policy 1991, the Export and Import Policy 1992-97 and measures contained in the Union Budgets for 1992-93 and 1993-94.

KVIC help to poor entrepreneurs

451. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIC) has helped the poor entrepreneurs by giving loans to run industrial units in the year 1991-92;

(b) if so, whether these loans have been recovered so far from these entrepreneurs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) KVIC is not directly funding any individual entrepreneurs. However KVIC gives funds to its directly aided Institutions throughout the country for starting and continuing Khadi and Village Industry work. KVIC also gives funds to 30 Khadi and Village Industries Boards working at the State/UT level for promoting Khadi and Village Industries work within their respective jurisdiction through cooperative societies and individual entrepreneurs. All details such as loans sanctioned, loans recovered etc. in respect of individual entrepreneurs are maintained at the State Board's level.

World Bank Report on PSUs

452. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent World Bank's report which stated that the Public Sector Units in India are working in such a system which makes them inefficient;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to make the PSUs more efficient ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Compulsory licencing for industries

453. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have further pruned the list of Industries requiring compulsory licensing and have removed certain items from the list of industries requiring compulsory licensing; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On review, it has been decided to remove the following three industries from the list of compulsory licensing, under the provisions